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Tuition Hikes?! You gotta be kidney me!

800% increase leads students to donate organs

Seriously who changes their last name?
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Pending a summer decision by USC’s board of trustees, students may have to sell a kidney in order to offset a tuition increase of 800 percent for Fall 2012.

Anticipating the surplus of students who will need to sacrifice an organ, Student Health Services will be hosting a Kidney Clinic beside the bursar’s office during Welcome Week.

The average kidney is worth between \$70,000 and \$80,000, according to kidneykidney.com. Therefore, selling one kidney should cover a student for one year at USC.

Incoming freshmen need to score at least 1000 on the SAT, have 3.0 GPA and sodium levels of 135 to 145 milliequivalents per liter.

“I’m more than happy to give my kidney so all the administrators can get their annual raises,” said former Daily Gamecock editor Josh Dawsey. “I’ll give both kidneys if they’ll hire another \$230,000 spokeswoman.”

USC President Harris Pastides said the university considered it, but the idea was

rejected.

“We thought about offering the option for out-of-state students to donate both kidneys to offset cost, but you need at least one to survive,” Pastides said.

Underclassmen must also be prepared to donate limbs or other organs in subsequent years as tuition increases could reach up to 10,000 percent, board members predict.

“I’m just thankful I got a Pelvis Grant,” Aaron Nelson, a second-year biomedical engineering student, said.

Pelvis Grants are government-funded and allowed students to donate their appendix — a less necessary organ — instead of the kidneys.

“It could be a lot worse, we could all have to donate our livers,” Stephan Most, a second-year business student said. “Then we’d have to get through college without drinking.”

Advisers must be extra careful when determining students’ schedules. The slightest mistake could cost students big time.

A sixth-year public relations student, James Gilmore, almost missed the organ mandate; however, an advising mishap will keep him in school for another two years.

“There should be an universal credit hours per organ system,” Gilmore said.



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There will be Kidney Clinics hosted throughout Welcome Week at which students can donate body parts, including kidneys, in order to offset tuition costs.

“I shouldn’t have to give up some extra platelets because I took University 101.”

The provost’s office is considering other options for students who are planning on participating in Palmetto College, the university’s initiative for students to earn their bachelor’s degree online.

Since the majority of these students will be older, their kidneys will be of no use.

“We’re encouraging Palmetto College students to consider donating their hips and kneecaps,” said Provost Michael Amiridis. “Those are easily replaceable for our nontraditional students.”

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USC Connect to expand HUGE posters

Giant banners aim to quiet complaints about ‘wasted’ university funds

It's really pronounced “Krance.” Like “Dance.”
YOU DIDN’T KNOW THAT, DID YOU?!

USC Connect, the university’s five-year Quality Enhancement Plan for reaccreditation, is finally expanding — this time with tangible results that students and faculty won’t be able to miss.

Webmasters recently added a feature onto the program’s website that allows students to upload their own USC Connect posters detailing their undergraduate experiences. After nearly a year of deliberation, the Quality Enhancement Proposal Committee has decided to translate these posters into 60-by-100-foot banners to be hung at some of



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The new USC Connect posters will be hung in some of campus’ most visible spots, including Horizon Garage.

the most visible locations around campus, including the Volleyball Competition Facility, the Roost and the Horizon garage.

This was determined to be the most effective use of the university’s \$2.5 million investment in the program to meet the Quality Enhancement standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), according USC Connect director Irma Van Scoy.

“I would expect that if students and faculty can see the program is growing, then The Daily Gamecock will stop running articles about my salary,” Van Scoy said.

The initiative had overwhelming support from the two students who attended this month’s USC Connect forum. Second-year exercise science student Robert Paulson plans to hang his poster at Columbia hall so that his friends in Capstone can look outside their window every morning at his 50-foot impressive image. He is the first and only student who has correctly answered the Sphinx’s riddle to successfully upload his poster. Other students who have attempted to upload their own templates have been devoured in the process.

“I hope other students who gaze at my poster will be inspired by my success,” Paulson said. “I’ve really been able to be engaged at the University through the Clay Club, Fight Club and attending guest lectures at the Green Quad.”

When asked to describe how these activities have prepared him for the workforce, particularly Fight Club, Paulson declined to comment.

Vice Provost Helen Doerphinghaus expects to see Paulson’s and hopefully other students’ posters on display by fall 2015 pending whether or not USC survives the rapture this December.

The QEPC will also be adding a link to a specialized version of The Sims on the USC Connect website. The link was developed after Van Scoy said she wanted to come up with an intelligent “gaming” system in which students can set up avatars and open doors to new opportunities, such as

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Beta wins steeplechase drinking competition

Fraternity cements legitimacy in upset of Kappa Alpha Upsilon

Thaddy Lion
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Beta Lambda Delta fraternity has taken the mantle of 2012 Carolina Cup champions, defeating longtime winners Kappa Alpha Upsilon, marking KAU’s first defeat in the Cup’s 80-year history.

Beta was widely regarded as an underdog in Greek Life’s perennially hyped-up contest, which includes cornhole, beer pong, shotgunning time trials and general pastel style.

“We’ve been training really hard for this year since we found out we’re moving into the Greek Village,” said Walter Breckonridge, the chapter’s president. “The dedication has been absolutely incredible.”

Much of Beta’s success hinged on a strong shotgunning performance by Thane “Black Jack” Hamilton, a third-year Southern studies student.

Hamilton downed a 12-ounce can of Natural Ice in just 4.27 seconds, a College Park record.

BETA ● 2

Housing pitches students in tents

Upperclassmen to occupy area already said to be better than Bates

MANDA-MANDA-MANDA-MANDA-SHOWWW
BRING IN THE DANCING LOBSTERS

With hundreds of upperclassmen still waiting for on-campus housing assignments, University Housing has decided to erect a tent village on the Horseshoe for these hitherto homeless students next semester.

“We expect that Tent Village will actually be quite popular with students,” said Kirsten Kennedy,

TENTS ● 2



Yeahhh... we didn’t take this one. Courtesy of Shutterstock

Many students have already requested to switch their housing assignments from Bates to Tent Village.

Bragg wins all SG executive offices

Recount reveals write-in as only vote in elections

HAKEEM JEFFERSON
TOTALLY KIDDING, GUYS,
IT WAS JERRY BREWER.

After a vote recount the Student Government elections commission determined that write-in treasurer candidate Kenneth Bragg actually won the races for student body president, vice president and treasurer.

The commission had originally determined that Bragg’s votes for himself had forced a treasurer runoff, but had mistakenly counted votes from last year’s election

toward this year’s. After the lowest-ever voter turnout, Bragg’s write-in votes in each category were enough to secure all three positions, according to Amy DeWitt, the commission’s head.

His victory indicates that Bragg was the only student who voted in this year’s elections.

The win unseats Bragg’s front-running opponents in each race — Kenny Tracy, Chase



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Mizzell and Coy Gibson, who had already started serving their terms before the recount was completed. Asked why they hadn’t even voted for themselves, all three admitted they’d been relying on their campaign staffs to drum up adequate support and simply assumed they didn’t need to do so.

“I’m shocked,” Gibson said angrily, flipping his hair as he packed his Walter Isaacson autographed Steve Jobs biography and Tom Hanks movie collections he’d set out in his office only weeks before. “I’ve lost all hope in the elections commission. I thought I’d

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WEATHER

Monday

420°

Cloudy with a chance of meatballs

Tuesday

¿Qué?°

It's Raining Men! Hallelujah!

MIX

INSIDE

VIEWPOINTS

Gaga wears pants

Take a sneak peek at the pop star's surprisingly normal costumes for her upcoming tour.

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VIEWPOINTS

<--- This guy!!!

Assistant Viewpoints editor Kevin Burke complains about the lack of nice, happy things in Viewpoints.

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ONLINE

Intertubing RULEZ!

With all recent flooding, streets were turned into lazy rivers, students advised against drinking and drifting.

ONLINE EXCLUSIVE

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“Get at me, bro!” he shouted, arms outstretched after slamming his crushed can onto the hay-covered turf. Hamilton then pounded his chest, draped in Vineyard Vines attire, and paused for a prolonged belch.

The fraternity also benefited from its brothers’ ambitious wardrobe decisions. Carlton Winstonworth, a third-year political science student, donned a pink Brooks Brothers Oxford and pale green bow tie with yellow Palmetto tree-embroidered khakis.

“He looked like a damned Easter egg out there,” Breckonridge said. “He really stepped up for us.”

Across the grounds, members of USC’s now-defunct Alpha Tau Omicron fraternity found a surprise of their own, as police officer dropped by the group’s tent. Donning a baby blue seersucker suit, the officer declined comment when approached by a reporter Saturday afternoon.

“I’m off duty today,” he said, before turning back to an ongoing game of beer pong, grabbing a ball and yelling, “Celebrity shot!”

Alpha Tau Omicron members seemed to appreciate the appearance, after overcoming an initial skepticism.

“I was kind of surprised, but this guy’s actually a really cool bro,” Chad Clayton Mitchell, a second-year finance student, said.

Beta Lambda Delta’s performance sent shockwaves throughout the entirety of College Park, though, leaving everyone flabbergasted, from a speechless group of Kappa Alpha Upsilon brothers to a slew of other fraternities considered long shots in Saturday’s

competitions.

KAU officers repeatedly declined comment, and members seemed to wrangle with reality of their broken tradition.

“I’m just ashamed, really,” first-year history student Marshall Lee IV said, bowing his head and clutching a white visor. “I started training as a pledge; I’ve been pounding these basically every weekend since the Navy game last semester. It just sucks; my dad and my granddad were both brothers. I don’t even want to think about what they’re gonna say.”

Members of other fraternities were also shocked, including a number of smaller names in Greek Life who said they, too, had trained extensively, eyeing an upset over Kappa Alpha Upsilon.

“Our flag flew higher, but they were an absolute juggernaut out there,” said one member of Delta Theta Delta fraternity who asked to remain unnamed. “I guess we just came up short.”

The results of Saturday’s horse races also elicited surprised reactions from students. Black Jack Blues, a favorite coming into the annual steeplechase, ran to a convincing victory, completing the 2 1/4-mile course in 4:06.80 and taking home a \$50,000 purse.

“Wait — what?” Mitchell asked later in the afternoon, shaking his head and affecting a perplexed look. “There were horses? That’s blowing my mind right now, man.”

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internships, study abroad experiences and elaborate costume parties at their virtual residence halls. A virtual residence mentor will be provided to ensure the parties don’t get too out of control. The Daily Gamecock filed a Freedom of Information Act request with USC to determine the salaries of these RMs, but received no response at time of publication.

As for the proposed overhaul of the university calendar, the committee will instead front \$400,000 of the QEPC budget to hire four town criers to announce the commencement of university events at specified times throughout the day.

The criers, the gaming system and the posters will all be recycled shortly after 2015, said Vice Provost Helen

Doerpinghaus, as the SACS requires only five years of investment in the quality enhancement plan. The posters will be given to the College of Engineering to be used in the construction of a 200 foot feline for the annual Tiger Burn preceding the Carolina-Clemson football game. Doerpinghaus hopes the event will be a final testament to USC’s dedication to SACS higher education standards.

“It’s going to be a very tangible expression,” Doerpinghaus said. “The state is very concerned that we spend enough money to make students reflect on what happens beyond the class, so it’s not just kind of a throwaway experience that doesn’t mean anything.”

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housing director. “The beauty of the historic Horseshoe will literally be right outside their doors — well, door flaps.”

Tent Village will consist of 100 tents placed across the Horseshoe in rows, or “halls” of 10 tents, which will house two students. This “hall-style” encampment will run students the same price as indoor hall-style residence halls like South Tower and McBryde.

“Tents are a lot more expensive than you would think,” Kennedy said. The

tents that Housing has chosen to use cost almost \$200 apiece.

There will be one resident mentor for each hall, most of them having worked in different residence halls in years prior.

“It probably won’t be much of an adjustment, going from McBryde to Tent Village,” said Danny Carroll, a second-year biology student and future Tent Village RM. “You have to look on the bright side; it will definitely be a unique experience. Still, I’m going to miss having a bed.”

Residents will be provided a tent in

an assigned location, but they will have to provide their own sleeping bags and pillows. Air mattresses will not be allowed due to a lack of available electricity and flooding risks.

“Since students aren’t allowed to have extension cords in any residence hall, not just Tent Village, it’s not possible to reinflate air mattresses every night,” said Ashley Platt, the newly-hired Residence Life Coordinator for Tent Village. “Plus, with Columbia’s unpredictable thunderstorms and flash flooding, the last thing we want is a student floating away in his or her sleep.”

While some have expressed concern about the tents’ vulnerability to the elements, Platt is encouraging them to put their worries to rest.

“Really, it’s no more risky than living in Bates,” Platt said.

In fact, some students who previously had assignments in Bates House and The Roost have requested to change their assignments to Tent Village.

“At least in the tents I’ll be within a reasonable distance of my classes,” said Tyler Whitney, a first-year history student.

Bathrooms for Tent Village residents will be what Mullis called “hall-style,” a row of ten portable restrooms and five outdoor showers adjacent to the Maxcy Monument.

The low-impact encampment is another step for housing in its mission to become more environmentally friendly. The tents require no electricity and create almost no impact on the environment.

“We’re looking into getting Tent Village LEED certified,” Kennedy said. “We’re expecting a silver, maybe even a gold. I mean, it’s a really unprecedented move.”

While Tent Village will create 200 new open spots for upperclassmen seeking on-campus housing, this will only accommodate half of the students still waiting for assignments.

“There’s only so much room on campus,” Kennedy said. “Students still without an assignment can either seek off-campus housing or wait for a room or a tent to open up.”

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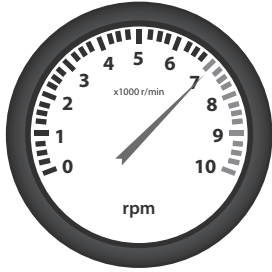
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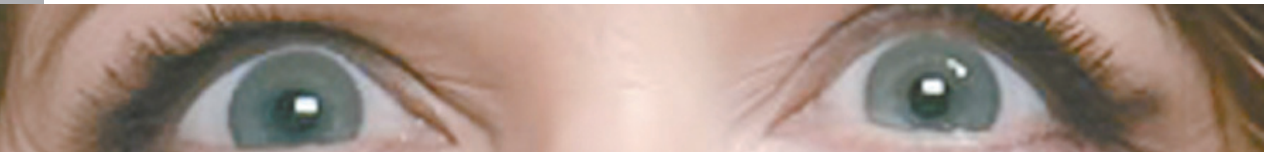
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already beaten this guy! I know they're not treasurers, but how do you screw up a one-vote count?!"

When informed of the news, Tracy turned a shade of garnet reminiscent of a Harris Pastides game day blazer.

"It's ridiculous. I don't even know what to say," Tracy said, before rushing off to an intramural floor hockey playoff game.

Mizzell, in rare form, lost all composure; yanking off his bow tie, he embarked on a rampage through the SG office screaming at various students and faculty and storming past a custodian without greeting him.

"I ran unopposed!" he spat at a quivering Mason Smith. "How do you lose an election when you run unopposed, and you have perfect — literally perfect — hair?!"

Bragg, when contacted Sunday afternoon, hadn't heard the results and deferred questions to the evening.

"Uhh, I'm in the middle of a FIFA game right now dude, call me later," Bragg said.

When asked what team he was playing with, Bragg responded via text message: "Barcelona — duh."

The elections commission is once again under review by the constitutional council to determine how it was possible to allow one student to fill all three roles.

"I'm confident we'll get this overturned," said Rohail Kazi, Tracy's former campaign manager. C.J. Lake, Tracy's other top consultant, was unavailable for comment as she was participating in a karaoke contest at a Carolina After Dark event. She did express her position, yelling out, "Kenny 4 Carolina!" excitedly at the end of an inspiring rendition of Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer."

Whether Bragg will take up the mantle as all three executive student body representatives remains to be seen. One thing's for certain however. He won't serve in the senate — where he also commanded the one-vote majority.

"I'm not gonna say the senate doesn't do anything..." Bragg wrote in a Facebook chat to a reporter Sunday night, echoing a statement made by former competitor John Cuenin, "but the senate doesn't really do anything."

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‘Journalists’ miss mark with prank newspaper

Seriously, Daily Gamecock? Printing an April Fool’s edition on April 2? Print journalism is already dying, guys. Let it go out with some dignity, at least.

This is just another example of the gross ineptness and professional negligence this publication has shown this year. How can these so-called editors take themselves seriously?

“This is just another example of the professional negligence this publication has shown this year.”

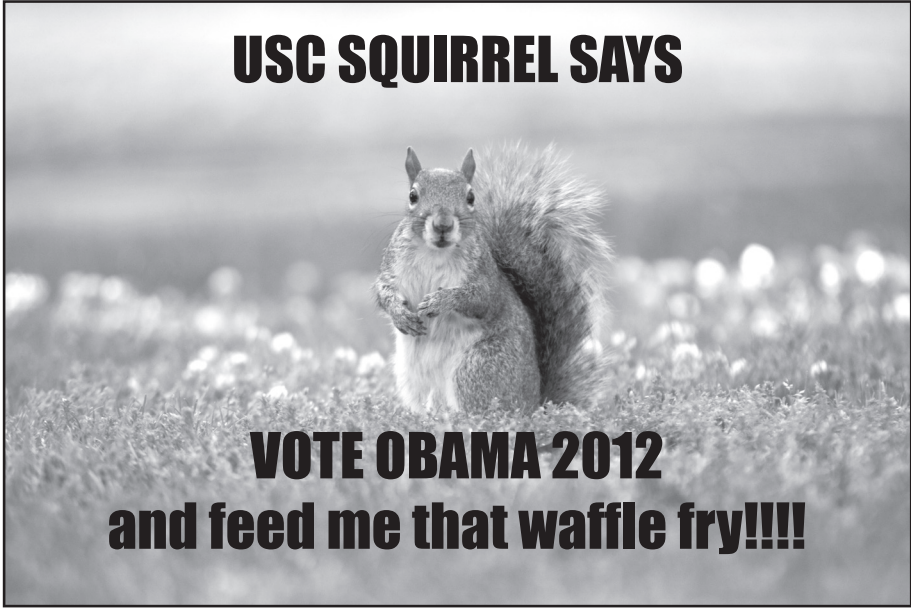
Libelous elitists sitting high and mighty in their offices, they can’t even be bothered to glance at a calendar.

This latest mistake should be the last straw. It is not so much the inaccuracy that

is infuriating; that is only a reminder of the issues upon issues of libelous news coverage that is slanted to follow whatever campaign or crusade the editors are currently engaged in. The rampages against Fraternity and Sorority Life, the USC administration, student ticketing, Russell House, 3-D films, Carolina Alert and campus parking have to end. These organizations are, we can all agree, doing the very best they can. They, and indeed the very April Fools’ holiday, don’t deserve the libel to which they have been subjected. In fact, due to all the success, hard work and positive contributions to the university that they foster, they should be held above all critique.

As for their cleverness, this faux April Fool’s issue proves that they have it in poor supply — if any at all. We fully expected a few dozen jokes about the \$14,000 Thomas Cooper Library fountain they constantly libel with their libelous libel, but it seems they couldn’t even deliver in that regard.

The laziness cannot continue. Editors, just because you have a well-paid, low-work job doesn’t mean you know everything about everything. Quit allowing taste and common sense take vacations.



Liberal bias forces political conversion

Paranoid student won’t stop emailing, calling us!

After weeks of intimidation and behind-the-door negotiations, The Daily Gamecock staff finally had no choice: They had to let me tell my side of the story.

For many years, I was proud to call myself a staunch liberal. Destroying family values was my passion, the creation of a welfare state my utopia. I sometimes got so excited about the possibility of unlimited abortions and the crumbling institution of marriage that, at meal times, I could hardly finish my habitual repast of green tea, arugula salad and seasoned tofu.

But fortunately, I have seen the light. I happily announce to you all my conversion to the conservative right — the political ideology that truly does put its love for America on top.

This realization wasn’t hard to come by; it was thanks to you, readers of The Daily Gamecock, that this conversion even took place. It was only after your incessant accusations of liberal bias — both for this newspaper and for American media in general — that I was finally able to see the vast, corrupt political machine of which I was a part. Your efforts prove something inspiring for our generation: If you complain loud enough and long enough over the Internet, someone will eventually take you seriously.

It was only after seeing, week after week, columns repeatedly taking the liberal side of today’s hottest issues that — without any further research or any attempt to contact the paper’s staff — I reached a startling conclusion: As student journalists, the Viewpoints staff was actively suppressing USC’s

conservative voice in a show of discrimination the likes of which this campus, and this country, has never before seen. To think, in this day and age, bias of this kind would exist in a purely opinion-based, zero-news section of a newspaper is simply appalling.

Well, my America-loving friends, your efforts have paid off. Gone are my days of pro-abortion rights, pro-entitlements and pro-arugula. Hello to my new life of anti-abortion, pro-capitalism and pro-monster trucks.

It is a decision that many of my friends — specifically, the moderate ones — are finding hard to accept. They claim that fierce partisanship is tearing this nation apart. To which I answer: It’s not partisanship if your party is the one that is right. And besides, why would I reasonably yet decisively critique the left’s tendency to support inefficient or redundant government policies, when I can just call them elitists instead?

Rest assured, neither my friends nor the media bias will stop me from following the cause that now burns bright in my heart. I will continue to fervently support an America where complex issues only have one possible solution, i.e., the solution that best fits with my individual experiences and preferences. And I encourage you, fellow conservatives, to write to The Daily Gamecock and other publications requesting to have your letters printed or to join as a weekly contributor. Only then can we drag these journalists out of their lairs and into the light.

— Mitchell Sturdevant, Jr., third-year accounting student

Letter from the Editor — actually only the assistant

The Daily Gamecock continually runs so-called “viewpoints” in their opinion section every day. And while this may seem like a noble and worthy cause to give students their voice in a published media, the fact of the matter is that The Daily Gamecock rarely has any opinion whatsoever.

It’s with this in mind that I’m proposing that The Daily Gamecock replace the Viewpoints section with a simple “Thank You” section

where students can submit thank you’s to members of the Gamecock community for a “Job Well Done!” At the end of the day, nobody cares about politics or human rights or even crime — as long as they feel good about



Some Guy
Who thinks he’s so special

themselves.

A “thank you” section could have added another dimension to this paper’s past coverage of meaningful stories. The football team’s loss to Auburn last fall could have been met with congratulatory messages from students, thanking Stephen Garcia for his memorable and clear-headed performance. Maybe there were students who approved of the \$2.5 million that USC decided to flush down the drain for USC Connect, who needed some outlet to express their deep attachment to a program that — while no one knows what it is or how to use it — will surely improve their campus experience.

Gamecock nation would be better served with my proposed “thank you” section than the worthless opinions that continually run in Viewpoints. Students’ perspectives on real world issues are meaningless; apparently, an affirming “Bravo!” can make all the difference.

Online comments we really don’t care about...

Already sold my kidney to pay for an iPad and Dave Matthews tickets. Guess I won’t be taking O-chem next year.

— Gamecock4Life

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— @freebooksnow

This is just another example of gross fiscal mismanagement threatening our future — which you can read all about on my blog at sassymarxist.com/blog.

— Sassy Marxist

A student’s body is private! Everyone has the right to do whatever they want with their organs. Oh hey, does anyone know any good piercing places? Want to get my inner knees done.

— feminist fatale

When are we getting an Urban Outfitters? I need those spring sales!!

— Samantha

Kids these days don’t know what it means to really “pay” for school. They got it easy. My engineering degree cost me a kidney, a liver AND a gallbladder. Quit whining.

— Angry Alum

Screw credit hours. I’d sell my soul for the hot girl in ENGL 102 to go out with me. End of story.

— Jeff from the front row

Anyone with a brain can see that this is clearly Obama’s fault. He’s selling our organs to his socialist terrorist overlords.

— Obamacarekills

TDG, get your facts straight. Totally forgot to mention the bring-a-friend discount. Way to be thorough, guys.

— disappointed

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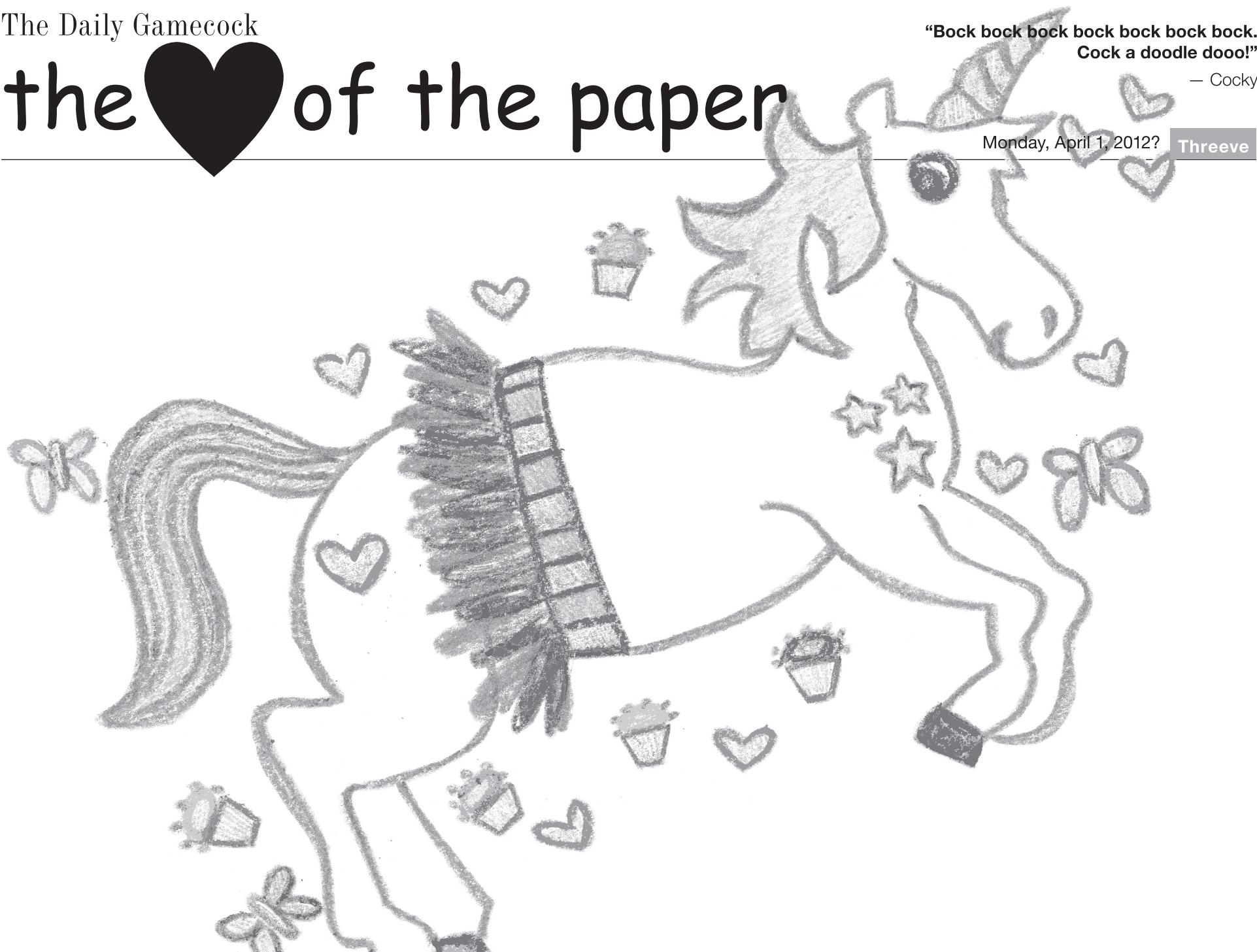
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Gaga to wear 'normal' clothes on tour

Hillary Clinton-esque pantsuits, Levi’s jeans, T-shirts among wardrobe choices for Born This Way Ball

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She’s a style chameleon who has been spotted in everything from red lace face masks to raw meat. But the international pop star who made Kermit the Frog couture is bringing her most shocking wardrobe choice to arenas across the world when the Born This Way Ball tour hits the road this spring.

Lady Gaga, known for her chart-topping hits “Just Dance,” “Paparazzi,” “Bad Romance,” “Edge of Glory” and many others, will launch her latest tour in Seoul, South Korea on April 27. Buzz about the tour began long before cities and dates were released.

Preliminary sketches of the stage design were leaked in late 2011 and the star also announced that she will introduce a new fan experience during this tour: The Monster Pit. General admission floor ticket holders who arrive early and channel Gaga’s fashion statements will have the chance to win exclusive Gaga merchandise, seating right in front of the stage and a VIP meet-and-greet with Mama Monster herself.

Fans who don’t have general admission seats but arrive early and are “dressed for the Ball” in true Gaga fashion will be chosen at random to enter the Monster Pit as well.

But Gaga herself has a different style plan this time around. Sketches of Gaga’s Born This Way Ball costumes leaked online this weekend and fans were definitely shocked, as her choice is not what you’d expect from the



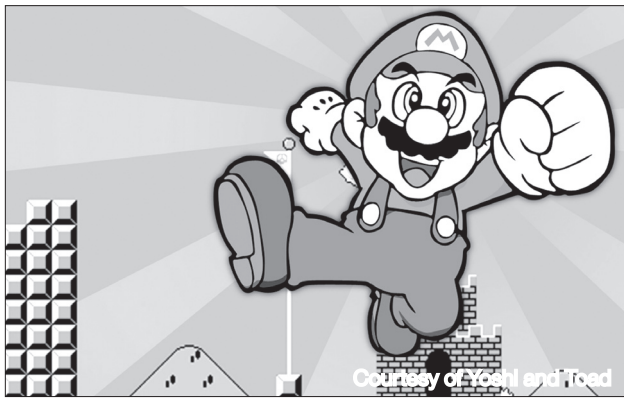
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Lady Gaga seeks to expand her fan base by dressing in more understated attire. The pop star has experienced backlash on social media sites for her latest style choices.
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Simpson’s CINEMA New Disney

Family-friendly studio brings Mario Bros., bras to big screen
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Walt Disney Pictures has officially hit rock bottom. After their most recent box office bombs “Mars Needs Moms” (2011) and “John Carter” (2012), the studio has become desperate to recover from their financial losses caused by the production of these films. Disney recently decided to take some of the ideas that originally were tossed into the scum bucket and actually give them a chance. Most of the films currently in production already look very promising and it seems Disney has really put some careful consideration into each of these projects. Here are some of the films that audiences can look forward to:

“Super Mario Bros.”



That’s right. That mustachioed, slightly obese plumber we all love will soon have his own high-jumping, fireball-shooting, green dinosaur riding, turtle shell stomping and princess rescuing adventure on the

big screen. Disney recently bought the rights from Nintendo to begin production of this potential summer blockbuster. Casting for the movie already looks great with Danny Devito playing Mario, Pamela Anderson as Princess Peach, James Franco as Luigi and Lawrence Fishburne playing Bowser. Michael Bay surprised everyone when he said that this movie will not be filled with giant robots, explosions and deafening sound effects. Instead, Bay drew inspiration from “Twilight” and decided to make this a romantic drama with a love triangle between Mario, Luigi and Peach.

“Bob the Builder”

“Can I fix it? No, I can’t.” That is Bob the Builder’s new catchphrase as Disney moves forward with its dark take on the cheerful children’s show. Bob is now in his late 70s and spends his days drinking scotch at his bar, “The Hammer and Nail.” He drinks to drown the memories of his failed attempt to build a tree house for his son. Having lost the motivation to build anything, Bob has given up his life of construction work, until his friends and family try to inspire him to finish that tree house and reclaim his dignity. Clint Eastwood is already in talks with Walt Disney Pictures to both direct the movie and star as Bob.

A Sacha Baron Cohen movie

From “Borat” to “Bruno,” Sacha Baron Cohen has played some pretty unorthodox characters in his acting career. But his latest role will be his most unorthodox yet: a fairy tale prince who accidentally finds himself in the real world. After the success of “Enchanted” (2007), Disney thought up the brilliant idea to make a movie with a similar concept, but make it a mockumentary. Cohen plays Prince Dave who finds himself in real-life New York City. A real fish out of water, Prince Dave

reluctantly gets involved in the vulgarities of nightlife in the big city such as prostitution, drugs, alcohol and gang violence. Cohen promises to preserve family sensibilities so the film can be viewable for audiences of all ages.

A Victoria’s Secret Pixar story

John Lasseter said the idea for this movie came to him when he saw Rosie Huntington Whitely’s performance from “Transformers: Dark of the Moon.” So, he asked Whitely if she would be interested in providing the lead voice for Pixar’s latest project, “Lingerie.” The story follows the adventure of Heidi, the sweetest, most beautiful woman in all of fairy tale land who holds a lingerie fashion show. Her real dream is to sing on stage, but her mother and father disapprove. Lasseter says the movie will be “Burlesque” meets “The Little Mermaid” and critics are already saying that Heidi is the next Disney character to join the line of great Disney princesses.

“Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” in 3D

Disney has already found success in re-releasing some of its classic animated films, “The Lion King” and “Beauty and the Beast,” in 3-D. Now, the studio is re-releasing one of its oldest and most beloved animated films of all time: “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.” Since the 3-D releases turned out to be much better than the originals, audiences can seriously expect this re-release to be a visual treat for children and adults who grew up with the original.

musician: Gaga will be wearing pants on stage.

And not just any pants. The Haus of Gaga took a break from their sewing machines and instead decided to dress the “Alejandro” singer in a pair of Levi’s.

You read correctly. The woman whose last tour featured 12 costume changes over the course of each night’s set will be sporting middle-class American style staples when she takes the stage this spring and summer.

And we’re not talking bedazzled, jewel-encrusted, sparkling denim a la Gaga’s “Marry the Night” dance studio ensemble. The singer is wearing basic blues and she’s pairing them with low-key Converse sneakers, plain white Fruit of the Loom T-shirts, a natural hairdo (that’s right — no wigs) and a minimalist makeup design.

Other normal-people looks include a red Adidas track suit a la “Glee” character Sue Sylvester, a Hillary Clinton-inspired pantsuit, a Red Sox baseball uniform (also shocking because Gaga is a born and bred New Yorker), basketball shorts paired with a tattered tank top and a matching blue striped linen top-and-bottom set inspired by the seminal children’s television classic “Bananas in Pajamas.”

These proposed costumes are a far cry from Gaga’s typical over-the-top outfits, and many people are outraged by the singer’s new direction in fashion.

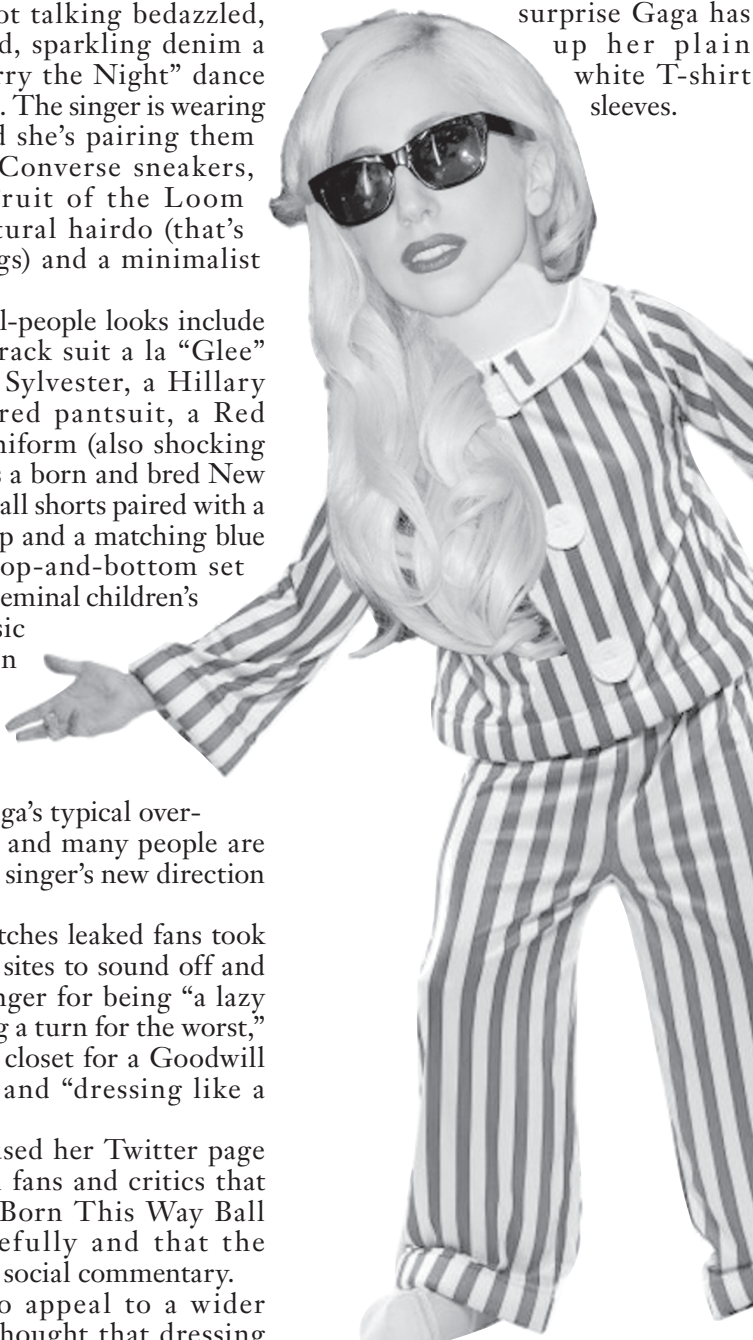
After the sketches leaked fans took to social media sites to sound off and criticize the singer for being “a lazy dresser,” “taking a turn for the worst,” “trading in her closet for a Goodwill donation bin” and “dressing like a boring person.”

Lady Gaga used her Twitter page as a way to tell fans and critics that she chose her Born This Way Ball wardrobe carefully and that the ensembles are a social commentary.

“I wanted to appeal to a wider audience and thought that dressing like them would be a way to connect

with more fans,” Gaga said. “I know I preach about being different, loving yourself and accepting your unique qualities, but I’m sick of being a fashion freak. I just want people to stop making fun of my wacky costumes and respect me for the original, groundbreaking music that I make.”

No news yet as to whether Gaga’s team has scrapped the designs and started over, but this wardrobe is probably not the last surprise Gaga has up her plain white T-shirt sleeves.



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Your grades have been plummeting lately and getting a C in ENGL 102 seems impossible now. Bake some cookies for your professor to show how much you care.

Cancer
Even though your life is a gaping black hole of sadness and you'll never amount to anything, just remember one thing: At least you're not a Scorpio.

Leo
Check your wallet. Empty? Expect it to stay that way, especially after you graduate. Your parents were right. There's no future for creative writing majors.

Virgo
Hit on a sexy single while you're in Five Points tonight. Lines like "You must be speeding 'cause you got fine written all over you" will prove successful.

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17 Stevie Wonder's "___ She Lovely"
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A Sporty Poem about Sports!

Oh sports, dear sports, at this university you're a must,
You're like fine fluffernutter sandwiches without the crust.
From football to basketball to field hockey, too,
The joy you bring students is like a day at the zoo.

Football season, in all its glory, is nothing short of a treat,
With black sundresses, tailgates and cornhole on the parking lot concrete.
The players run, tackle and catch to the sounds of "Sandstorm,"
Sunglass tans and luxurious shuttle bus rides are totally the norm.

Basketball, oh basketball, your attendance records are sky high,
The struggle to get tickets has led many students to cry.
But let's be real, my basketball knowledge stops at "Like Mike,"
I much prefer Razor scooters, rollerblades or riding a bike!

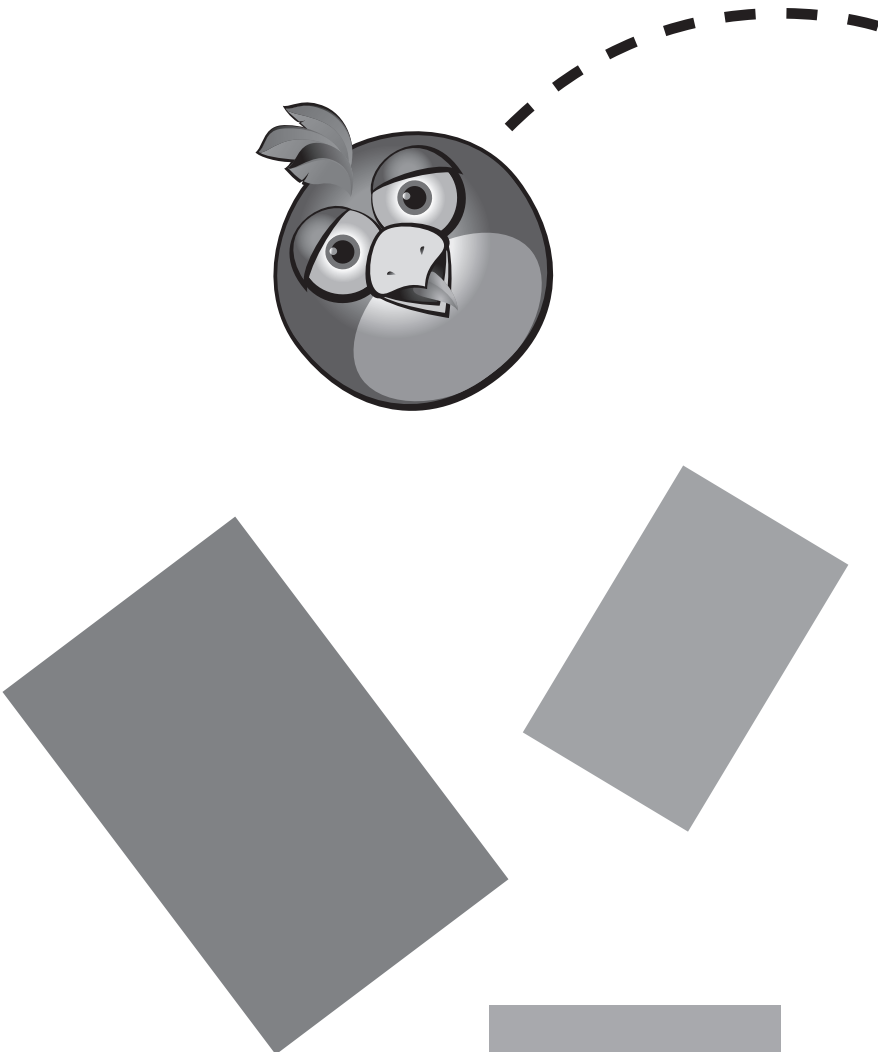
And then there's our back-to-back champions on the baseball team,
The Omaha wins have been nothing short of a dream.
But really, I'm much more interested in the uniform faux pas,
The garnet and white matchy-matchy is against all fashion laws.

But let us not forget the lesser-known athletics like fencing, body building and badminton,
Again, don't know much, but they surely deserve a mention!
One thing I do know, that deserves a little clap,
Lindsay Lohan was the camp fencing champion in "The Parent Trap."

Let me end this fine poem with a disclaimer, you see,
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I watch on occasion and tweet in support of our lovely Gamecocks,
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